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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK
Advisor to the President for National Security

FROM: W. KENNETH DAVIS

[C] As you make final preparations for the Versailles Summit, I urge you to consider pressing forward on the issues of energy security, in particular natural gas. The Communique that we were able to develop and issue at the May 24 IEA Ministerial clearly demonstrates the European's willingness to move closer to our position., A political statement which builds on the IEA Communique indicating the seven's commitment to increasing indigenous production, expanding coal trade, moving forward with nuclear, accelerating indigenous gas resources and following a free market path, would keep momentum moving in the direction we need to reduce western dependence on unreliable and insecure oil and gas suppliers.

[C] The Norwegian gas issue will probably still be an area of some disagreement but not as much as before. The Norwegian Minister went a long way by agreeing to the IEA Communique language that I referred to above. As I pressed him hard on the need for Norwegian gas to serve as an alternative to the Soviet pipeline he committed to bring the gas on-line in the 1990's but identified technical and political obstacles blocking earlier development. Based on my experience the technical problem which relates to the gas field's complex geological structure, is a difficult one which needs to be studied to see whether there might be a quick fix to facilitate extraction of the gas. If the fix can be found, the technical impediment blocking development to meet European requirements in this decade as well as those of the 1990's is removed. Given that this is a security problem, we might want to offer our technical support in looking for an answer to this problem.

[C] The other problem is a political one. The Norwegian Minister said rather than the opposition, a faction in his own party is objecting to the accelerated development of Norwegian gas on the basis that it would be disruptive to the Norwegian economy. His feeling was that we might be able to help in

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creating the external pressures that would help turn around this opposition and he asked for our help in accomplishing this. While he offered no specific approaches, it is my feeling that a Summit statement which underscores the security importance of accelerated development of Norwegian natural gas will be the right kind of help.

[C] I stand ready to be of any service I can as final preparations are made for the Summit. I will be sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of State and I have asked my staff to inform the able NSC and State people who joined me and my staff in Paris of my views on the Ministerial links to the Summit.

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cc: Honorable Alexander M. Haig
Honorable Caspar Weinberger
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